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# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Cooler temperatures dominated the month of January. Snow packs for this winter have been dismal. Snow packs are 49% less than normal in some counties. Farmers and ranchers are getting worried that they won't have enough water for their irrigated crops and livestock. Stock water ponds have also frozen in some areas around the state causing concern among some livestock producers.

## Field Crops Summary

There has been little to no field activity during the month of January. Farm activity consists of feeding and watering livestock. There are some concerns of winter kill in the spring when the planted fall grain from 2006 breaks dormancy due to cold temperatures and lack of adequate snow cover. Some farmers in Weber County hope that the cold weather helps reduce the number of insects pests that could cause problems this summer; particularly the diamondback moth on cabbage crops. Dairy producers in Box Elder are concerned about the high prices of corn and barley for their rations. Cache County reports hay supplies are being stretched, which has lead to higher prices. No other major agricultural activities reported.

## Livestock Summary

Some farmers around the state have begun calving and lambing. Wayne County reports that the severely cold weather is causing health problems with the calves, but indicates that range conditions for sheep herds are excellent. Beaver county reports a couple of producers have lost new calves due to the cold weather. Uintah and Duchesne counties are having trouble keeping the water supplies unfrozen to supply their livestock. Producers in Iron County report that the lack of wind has made it necessary to haul water to livestock since their windmills have not been pumping.